

Green Mountain Book Award Master List 2015-2016

This is the eleventh year of the Green Mountain Book Award, a reader's choice award for students in grades 9-12. Co-sponsored by the Vermont Department of Libraries and the Vermont School Library Association, this program is designed to introduce to high school students some excellent books for their pleasure reading.

These books, to be read during the 2015-2016 school year, comprise the master list for the award to be made in 2016. Voting forms will be made available to all Vermont schools and public libraries in the spring so that young adults can vote for their favorite book. The master list titles have been selected to satisfy the reading interests of teens in grades 9-12, and include both adult and young adult books. All books on the list were first published in 2012-2014.

Berry, Julie. *All the Truth That's in Me*. Speak, 2014. \$9.99. ISBN 978-0142427309 (pap.); Viking, 2013. \$17.99. ISBN 978-0670786152.

Judith can't speak. But when her close-knit community of Roswell Station is attacked by enemies, Judith is forced to choose: continue to live in silence, or recover her voice.

Brown, Daniel James. *The Boys in the Boat*. Penguin, 2014. \$17.00. ISBN 978-0143125471 (pap.); Viking, 2013. \$25.95. ISBN 978-0670025817.

The University of Washington's 1936 eight-oar crew team transformed the sport in their quest for an Olympic gold medal. Brown traces the story of the team that defeated elite rivals at Hitler's 1936 Berlin Olympics, sharing the experiences of their enigmatic coach, a visionary boat builder, and a homeless teen rower.

de la Peña, Matt. *The Living*. Ember, 2015. \$9.99. ISBN 978-0385741217 (pap.); Delacorte, 2013. \$17.99. ISBN 978-0385741200.

After an earthquake destroys California and a tsunami wrecks the luxury cruise ship where he is a summer employee, high schooler Shy confronts another deadly surprise.

Johnston, E. K. *The Story of Owen: Dragon Slayer of Trondheim*. Carolrhoda, 2014. \$17.95. ISBN 978-1467710664.

In world where dragons and humans are rivals for fossil fuels, Owen Thorsgard is valiant of heart, hopeless at algebra, and last in a long line of legendary dragon slayers. With dragons advancing on the remote town of Trondheim and his grades plummeting, Owen faces impossible odds armed only with a sword, his legacy, and the classmate who agreed to be his bard.

Knudsen, Michelle. *Evil Librarian*. Candlewick, 2014. \$16.99. ISBN 978-0763660383.
Cynthia Rothschild's best friend falls head over heels for the cute new high-school librarian, but after meeting Mr. Gabriel, Cyn realizes something isn't quite right. Before long Cyn realizes that Mr. Gabriel is, in fact... a demon. Now, in addition to saving the school musical from technical disaster and trying not to make a fool of herself with her own hopeless crush, Cyn has to save her best friend from the clutches of the evil librarian, who also seems to be slowly sucking the life force out of the entire student body.

Martinez, A. Lee. *Helen and Troy's Epic Road Quest*. Orbit, 2013. \$15.00. ISBN 978-0316226431 (pap.).
If the curse placed upon them by an ancient god doesn't kill them, and the pack of reluctant orc assassins don't catch up to them, Helen and Troy might reach the end of their journey in one piece – where they might just end up destroying the world. Or at least a state or two. A minotaur girl, an all-American boy, a three-legged dog, and a classic car are on a road where every exit leads to adventure.

May, Elizabeth. *The Falconer*. Chronicle, 2014. \$17.99. ISBN 978-1452114231.
In 1844 Edinburgh, eighteen-year-old Lady Aileana Kameron is neither an ordinary debutante, nor a murderess – she is a Falconer, a female warrior born with the gift for hunting and killing the faeries who prey on mankind and who killed her mother.

Mechner, Jordan, with LeUyen Pham and Alex Puvillard (illustrators). *Templar*. First Second, 2013. \$39.99. ISBN 978-1596433939.
Martin is one of a handful of Templar Knights to escape when the king of France and the pope conspire to destroy the noble order. The pope and king aim to frame the Templars for heresy, execute all of them, and make off with their legendary treasure.

Murdoch, Emily. *If You Find Me*. St. Martin's Griffin, 2014. \$9.99. ISBN 978-1250033277 (pap.); St. Martin's Griffin, 2013. \$17.99. ISBN 978-1250021526.
A broken-down camper hidden deep in a national forest is the only home fifteen year-old Carey can remember. When Carey's mentally ill mother disappears and two strangers arrive, Carey and her sister Jenessa are thrust into a bright and perplexing new world of high school, clothes and boys. Now, haunted by secrets from the past, Carey must face the truth of why her mother abducted her ten years ago.

O'Malley, Daniel. *The Rook*. Back Bay Books, 2012. \$16.00. ISBN 978-0316098809 (pap.); Little, Brown, 2012. \$25.99. ISBN 9780316098793.
"The body you are wearing used to be mine." So begins the letter Myfanwy Thomas is holding when she awakes in a London park surrounded by bodies all wearing latex gloves. With no recollection of who she is, Myfanwy must follow the instructions her former self left behind to discover her identity and track down the agents who want to destroy her.

Sanderson, Brandon. *Steelheart*. Ember, 2014. \$9.99. ISBN 978-0385743570 (pap.); Delacorte, 2013. \$18.99. ISBN 978-0385743563.

At age eight, David watched as his father was killed by an Epic, a human with superhuman powers, and now, ten years later, he joins the Reckoners – the only people who are trying to kill the Epics and end their tyranny.

Smith, Andrew. *Winger*. Simon & Schuster, 2014. \$11.99. ISBN 978-1442444935 (pap.); Simon & Schuster, 2013. \$16.99. ISBN 978-1442444928.

Two years younger than his classmates at a prestigious boarding school, fourteen-year-old Ryan Dean West grapples with living in the dorm for troublemakers, falling for his female best friend who thinks of him as just a kid, and playing wing on the Varsity rugby team with some of his frightening new dorm-mates.

Tobin, Paul, and Colleen Coover. *Bandette Vol. 1: Presto!* Dark Horse Books, 2013. \$14.99. ISBN 978-1616552794.

Gleefully plying her skills on either side of the law, Bandette is a thorn in the sides of both police inspector Belgique and the criminal underworld. But it's not all breaking hearts and purloining masterpieces when a rival thief discovers that an international criminal organization wants Bandette dead.

Waller, Sharon Biggs. *A Mad Wicked Folly*. Viking, 2014. \$17.99. ISBN 978-0670014682.

In 1909 London, as the world of debutante balls and high society obligations closes in around her, seventeen-year-old Victoria must figure out just how much she is willing to sacrifice to pursue her dream of becoming an artist.

Weir, Andy. *The Martian*. Broadway, 2014. \$15.00. ISBN 978-0553418026 (pap.); Crown, 2014. \$24.00. ISBN 978-0804139021.

Six days ago, astronaut Mark Watney became one of the first people to walk on Mars. Now, he's sure he'll be the first person to die there. After a dust storm nearly kills him and forces his crew to evacuate while thinking him dead, Mark finds himself stranded and completely alone with only his ingenuity and engineering skills – and a relentless, dogged refusal to quit – keeping him alive.

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